

City of Concord Recreation and Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from January 3rd, 2006

Attendance

Committee Members: Candace White-Bouchard (chair), Chiara Dolcino , Janet Schofield, Andrea Goldberg. John Mercier, Mary Miller, Laura Fleider, Jan McClure, Jim Bouley, Keith Nyhan, Bruce Alleyne and Liz Odell.

Guest: Todd Haywood

Staff Members: David Gill and Doug Woodward

Meeting was called to order by Candace at 5:05 pm

Committee members reviewed and approved the minutes as written from the December meeting.

Bicentennial Square Park Plans: Doug Woodward reviewed the plans Bicentennial Square plans. Construction should begin late this spring or summer. Doug told members the price tag will be around \$200,000 funded by Concord 20/20, Federal grant and private donations. Committee members liked the plans.

PARK REVIEWS

Candace reviewed the agenda and reminded everyone to please focus on safety concerns at each park. Committee members reviewed the following parks and then agreed these are the major needs for each park:

Garrison Park:

1. Parking lot improvement as per mini master plan
2. Side walk and paths in and around park per mini master plan

Rolfe Park:

1. Concerns were discussed about current parking lot layout.
2. Members asked what the \$25,000 was used for. David will ask General Services report back the next meeting.

White Park:

1. As approved at the December meeting, the parking lot and drainage needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Request in FY 07 CIP.

Merrill Park:

1. Parking lot improvements per mini master plan and safe access to the park (sidewalks and paths). Current sidewalk access is inadequate.
2. Several members asked about status of bridge project in current FY 06 CIP. Doug Woodward will check and report on status at next meeting. This is important improvement for access to trail system.

Keach Park:

1. Candace asked what the money left over from the construction can be used for. (Approx \$30,000). David will ask General Services report back at next meeting.

Kimball Park:

1. Group agreed the current parking lot is not safe and it should be rebuilt per the mini master plan created by Groundwork Concord.
2. Members also expressed the need for proper sidewalks to and from the park.

Beaver Meadow Park:

1. Current parking lot for park is dirt and a proper parking lot should be created

Rollins Park:

1. Current mini master plan does not solve the two fields facing each other which are a major safety concern. Both fields cannot be used at the same time. Members agreed the City should look at creating a better layout of fields and parking lot which will allow the safe use of both fields at the same time.
2. Pond use. Several members had concerns about the current lack of maintenance and use of the old pond in the park. Is there something that can be done to solve large drop offs around the old pond. David will ask General Services report back at next meeting.

Russ Martin Park:

1. Existing soccer fields need to be rebuilt and then reseeded.
2. Explore the possibility of adding an additional multi purpose field.

Playlots:

1. Committee members agreed the majority of them are in good shape and only preventative maintenance is currently required.

PARK SIGNS:

1. PARK ENTRANCE SIGNS. Several members asked about the status of new signs for all the parks. Chiara thought she remembered that Chris Jacques is having all signs made this winter by his staff. David will have General Services report back at next meeting.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Thursday, Jan 19th at 5 the COMF

- Current permitting process for all ball fields (City, School, Youth and Adults) and fees charged.
- Follow up from CIP questions on Rolfe, Merrill, Keach and Rollins Park
- Park Entrance Sign Status.
- Impact Fees: How does this process work and much is currently available for each park.

Respectfully submitted

David Gill
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